



Milk Production Report

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This report contains the results from the quarterly *Milk Production Report*. The data are also posted on our Web site at <http://www.nass.usda.gov/ar>. Thanks to all who responded to the questionnaires and interviews for these surveys.

Fourth Quarter Milk Production Down 14 Percent

Arkansas milk production during the October-December 2009 quarter was 37 million pounds, down 14 percent from the same period in 2008, and down 3 percent from the July-September 2009 quarter. The average number of milk cows on farms during the quarter was 13,000 head, 1,000 head fewer than the same period last year, and unchanged from the previous quarter. Nationally, the number of milk cows and milk production decreased from the previous year and previous quarter.

Milk Cows and Production: by Quarter, Arkansas and U.S., 2007-2009

Item/Period	Arkansas				United States			
	2007	2008	2009	% Change from '08	2007	2008	2009	% Change from '08
Milk Cows¹	<i>Thousand Head</i>				<i>Thousand Head</i>			
1st Quarter, January-March	18.0	16.5	13.5	- 18	9,152	9,286	9,295	+ <0.5
2nd Quarter, April-June	17.5	15.5	13.0	- 16	9,170	9,315	9,260	- <0.5
3rd Quarter, July-September	17.0	14.5	13.0	- 10	9,198	9,330	9,159	- 2
4th Quarter, October-December	17.0	14.0	13.0	- 7	9,236	9,330	9,087	- 3
Milk Production²	<i>Million Pounds</i>				<i>Million Pounds</i>			
1st Quarter, January-March	61	54	45	- 17	46,063	47,610	47,363	- 1
2nd Quarter, April-June	60	54	45	- 17	47,438	48,774	48,874	+ <0.5
3rd Quarter, July-September	49	44	38	- 14	46,111	46,881	46,782	- <0.5
4th Quarter, October-December	50	43	37	- 14	46,042	46,727	46,240	- 1

¹ Average number includes dry cows; excludes heifers not yet fresh.

² Excludes milk nursed by calves.

Milk Production: Arkansas and U.S., October-December, 2000-2009

